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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Edward M. "Boots" Cosgrove, who passed away on October 20, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, As a very young boy, Edward Cosgrove was called "Boots" by his sister, who was unable to pronounce the name "Butch"; this nickname eventually became a household name and he was called Boots by everyone for the rest of his life; and

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WHEREAS, Edward Cosgrove was raised on the southwest side of Chicago, in the West Beverly/Morgan Park neighborhood; he attended St. Cajetan Grammar School and Mount Carmel High School; after his father passed away at a very early age, he assumed the new position as head of the family; eventually, he entered into the trades and became a member of the Illinois Ceramic Tile, Terrazzo, and Granite Union Local 67; he was well known for many precision mosaic tile murals and ceramic foyers in the Chicago Loop and throughout the City of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, After working in the ceramic trade for over 20 years, Edward Cosgrove became a stationary engineer and member of Local #399; he was employed at the Cook County Jail for many years until his retirement in May of 2003; and

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1 WHEREAS, Edward Cosgrove was well known among his peers as
2 a great baseball player, having played both baseball and
3 16-inch softball; he played ball at Kennedy Park for many
4 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Edward Cosgrove enjoyed fishing, particularly at
6 Lake Sara in Effingham, where he made many trips with his
7 family and friends; he made his last trip to Lake Sara on
8 September 16, 2010; and

9 WHEREAS, Edward Cosgrove is survived by his wife, Ellen;
10 his children, Edward Jr., William, and Robert; his
11 grandchildren, Shannon, Paige, Robert, and Jonathan; and his
12 siblings; and

13 WHEREAS, Edward Cosgrove will be remembered fondly by all
14 who knew and loved him for his great pride in his Irish
15 heritage, his unwavering honesty, and his wonderful sense of
16 humor; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
19 his family and friends, the passing of Edward M. "Boots"
20 Cosgrove; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Edward Cosgrove as an expression of
2 our sympathy.